

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received

date entered

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections**1. Name**

historic Maxwell's Slough Bridge

and/or common Neosho River Tributary Bridge

**2. Location**

street &amp; number .5 miles west and 1 mile south of St. Paul not for publication

city, town St. Paul ☒ vicinity of

state Kansas code 20 county Neosho code 133

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Neosho County

street &amp; number Neosho County Courthouse

city, town Erie N/A vicinity of state Kansas

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street &amp; number Neosho County Courthouse

city, town Erie state Kansas

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

Inventory of Historic Bridges

title Kansas Department of Transportation has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate 1980-83 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Kansas State Historical Society

city, town Topeka state Kansas

## 7. Description

### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The St. Paul filled spandrel arch bridge crosses a small tributary to the Neosho River .5 miles west and one mile south of St. Paul on a county road. This single span bridge is 69 feet long and 19.5 feet wide from curb to curb. The roadway is situated 15 feet above low water level. The structure is in very good condition and has suffered very little damage. As it is now situated on a dead end road due to a nearby washed out bridge, the St. Paul filled arch gets very little traffic.

The bridge consists of a reinforced concrete arch ring which springs from and is disposed between two abutments. Reinforced concrete spandrel walls rise from each side of the arch ring and are used to retain the earthen fill which loads the arch. This earth "loading" allows even distribution of the live loads and helps to strengthen the arch. The turned balusters of the railing are located on both sides of the floor line. The roadway is cantilevered by the use of brackets over the 10' wide arch ring.



## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1924

Builder/Architect Topeka Bridge and Construction

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The St. Paul filled spandrel arch bridge .5 miles west and one mile south of St. Paul retains its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, feeling, and association. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and method of construction no longer used, namely the construction of a roadway supported by a reinforced concrete arch ring which is loaded by earthen fill which, in turn, is retained by reinforced concrete spandrel walls. This particular structure was built by the Topeka Bridge and Construction Company which was the area's agent for the Luten design of reinforced concrete bridges and may yield information important to the history of engineering.

The St. Paul Journal on March 27, 1914 reported that County Engineer Reece was "arranging to replace the two wooden bridges over the two sloughs on the gravel road south of St. Paul." One of these, Maxwell's Slough, was named for an early area landowner. The new bridges were to be constructed of concrete and would be positioned in such a way that they would "straighten out some of the kinks in the road."

According to the St. Paul Journal on August 14, 1924 a total of five new bridges were to be built and the Topeka Bridge and Construction Company was awarded the contracts for all of them totalling \$35,960.79. No further mention is found in the newspapers until December 18, 1924 when the Journal reported the completion of all the bridges built by the Topeka Bridge and Construction Company.

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

"To Complete Road Across County," Chanute Daily Tribune, June 13, 1923, P. 1, c. 3.  
"County Engineer Reece . . .," St. Paul Journal, March 27, 1924, p. 8, c. 3.  
"Contracts Let for 5 Bridges," St. Paul Journal, August 14, 1924, p. 1, c. 3.  
"The Topeka Bridge Company . . .," St. Paul Journal, December 18, 1924, p. 4, c. 5.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Erie, Kans.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A 

1	5	3	0	1	7	2	8	10	4	1	5	2	9	2	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
Zone Easting Northing

B 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

  
Zone Easting Northing

C 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

D 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

E 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

F 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

G 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

H 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

### Verbal boundary description and justification

That property on and over which the bridge is built .5 miles west and one mile south of St. Paul, Kansas. S23, T29S, R20E. Includes bridge plus superstructure and supporting piers and abutments.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
-------	------	--------	------

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Larry Jochims, Research Historian and Michael Snell

organization Kansas State Historical Society date \_\_\_\_\_

street & number 10th and Jackson Streets telephone (913) 296-2973

city or town Topeka state Kansas

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national ☒ state \_\_\_\_ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date \_\_\_\_\_

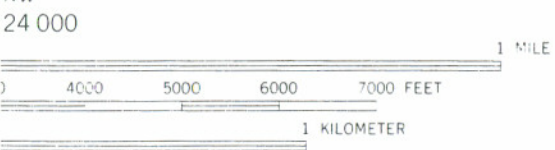
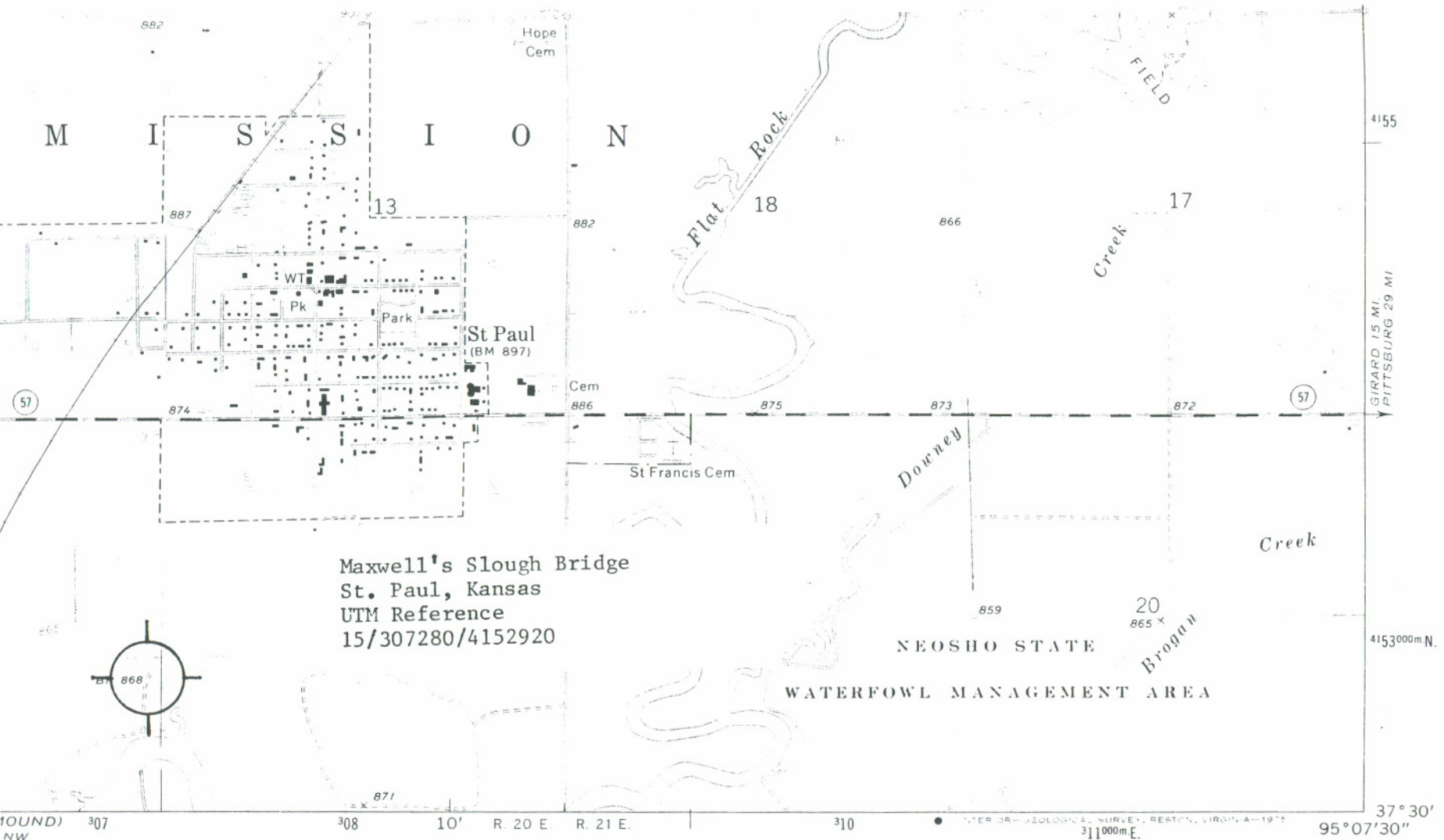
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

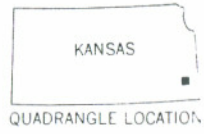
date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration





VAL 10 FEET  
NT 5-FOOT CONTOURS  
TICAL DATUM OF 1929



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Unimproved road
- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route

ERIE, KANS.

SW/4 ERIE 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3730—W9507.5/7.5

1973